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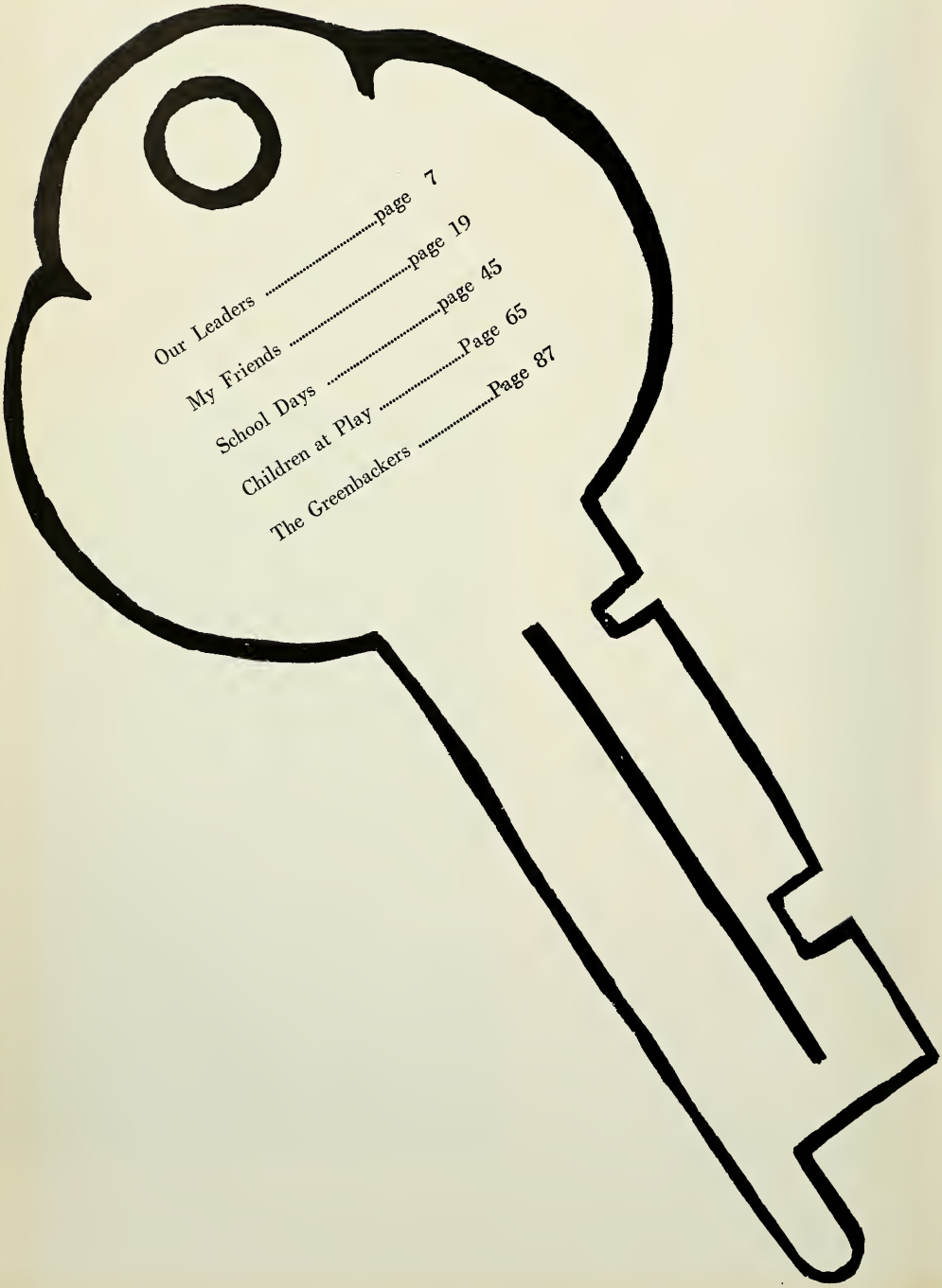
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Congratulatory Message from the

Administration

As you terminate your High School education at Central Yeshiva, we extend to you sincerest congratulations on your past achievements and wish you every success in your future endeavors. We have abiding faith that, in the years to come, as you expand your acquisition and understanding of human knowledge, so also will you grow in knowledge and understanding of the spiritual and ethical values, and that you will govern your lives by the standards of the Torah.

To a man who deserves our sincere admiration . . .

To a man who has instilled within us a love
for our Jewish heritage . . .

To a man who has devoted himself to the service
of G-D and his people . . .

To DR. ISAAC LEWIN we dedicate this book.

Dr. Samuel Belkin—
President, Yeshiva University

Dr. Shelly R. Saphire—
Principal, English Department

Mr. Samuel Levine—
Director, Yeshiva University
High Schools of Brooklyn

. . . and they were sincere . . .

Dr. Issac Lewin—Hebrew
Principal
"The Man Upstairs"

Rabbi Charles Friedman
—Administrator
"How Important Can it
Be?"

Mrs. Rosalyn Pomerantz
—Secretary
"Vunderbar"

Mike Granidetti—
Maintenance
"Everything's in Order"

James Santiago—Our
Jimmy—Maintenance
"Raggmopp"

Jacob Godin—
Language Study
"He Is A Man!"

Rabbi Harold B. Perlman
—Hebrew
"When I Grow Too Old to
Dream"

Paul Ravetch—English
"Slow Poke"

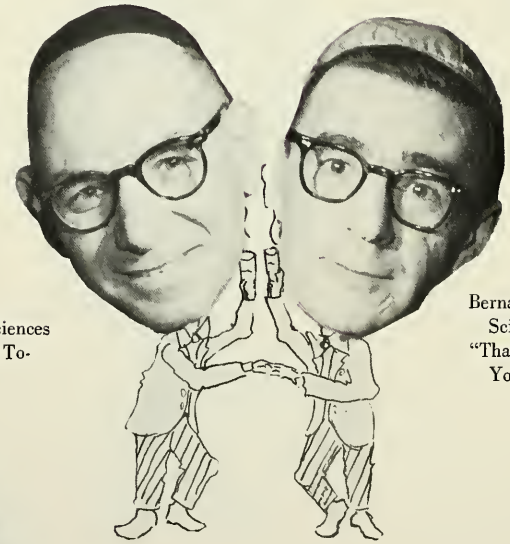
Elsie Green—Health
Education
"It's Great to Be Alive"

Sidney Guss—Economics
"Pass That Peace Pipe"

Beth Lobell—Arts
"Earth Angel"

Rabbi Leo Adler—
Hebrew
"Preach to Me"

Louis Alper—Math
"A You're Adorable"



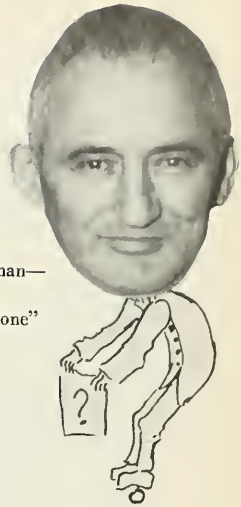
Jerry A. Schur—Sciences
"Hair Today, Gone Tomorrow"

Bernard Annenberg—
Sciences
"That's All I Want From You"

Dr. Jean Jofen—
Language Study,
Jewish Ethics
"I Understand Just How You Feel"

Gerda Feuer—French
"Old Fashioned Girl"

Robert Bassell—English
"Stranger in Paradise"



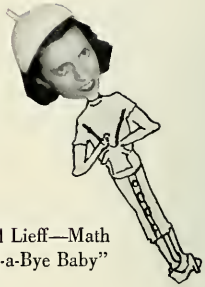
Isidore Hoffman—
Hebrew
"Hearts of Stone"

Clarice Jaffe—Social
Studies
"Pretty Baby"

Armin Steif—Hebrew
"Give Me Five Minutes
More"

Emery Grossman—
Music
"Stop the Music"

Esther Tessel—Stenography, Typing
"Diamond's Are a Girl's Best Friend"



Rachel Lieff—Math
"Rock-a-Bye Baby"

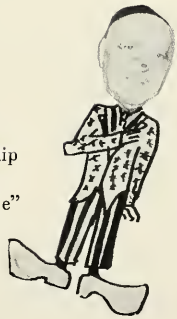
Dr. Jechiel Lichenstein—Hebrew
"My Friend"

Henry Fohr—Language Study
"On the Old Spanish Trail"

David Horn—English
"Once in Love With Amy"

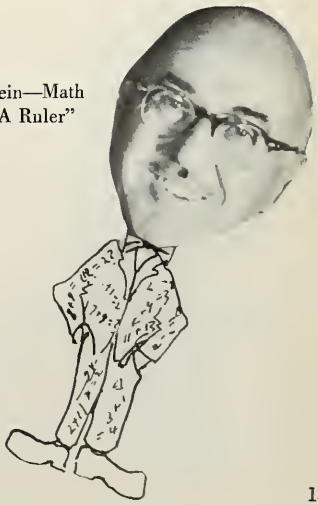
Joseph Weinstein—
Hebrew
"Cry"

Rabbi Moishe Berenholz
—Hebrew
"Smile"



Mr. Nanes—Citizenship
Education
"What's in a Nan(m)e"

Rabbi Louis Bernstein—
Hebrew
"Too Young"

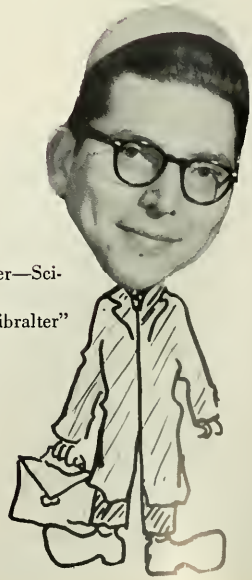


Haskel Epstein—Math
"If I Were A Ruler"

Yona Loriner—Hebrew
Stenography
"Be a Little Darlin"

Al Sokolo—English
"It's Too Soon To Know"

Martin Lilker—History
"The Man That Got
Away"



Theodore Kallner—Sci-
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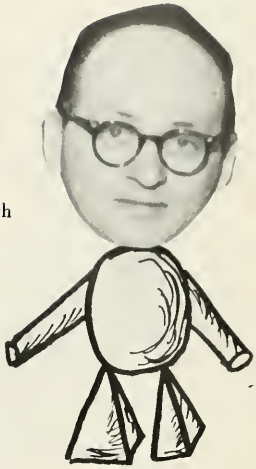
"The Rock of Gibralter"



Herman Appel—Math
"The Finger of Suspicion"

Hadassa Lichtenstein—
Hebrew
"Na-a-leh Le-artzenu"

Dr. Samuel Linick—
Hebrew
"Friends and Neighbors"

I remember the others . . .

LINDA BELKIN

School Decorating Committee—3
Talent Show—3

Though she be but little . . . .

הוה מקבל את כל האדם בסבר פנים יפות

HENNY BERNSTEIN

Dramatics—2
Handbook Committee—3, 4
Library—3
Office Squad—3, 5
Service Squad—4-6

Everything comes if man will only wait

לדעת כל רז סודך

ANN BILLET

Arista—7, 8
Vice-Pres. of School—7, 8
Basketball Team—3-8
Co-op—4-8
Librarian—3-6
Service Squad—1-5
Office Squad—5

Let all things be done decently and in order

רוח הברוית נוחה הימנה

DORRIT BLECH

Debating Manager—5-8
Photography Editor, Elchanette—7, 8
Cheering Squad—3, 4
Choir—3
T.A. Reporter—5

A good mind possesses a kingdom

פה מפיק מרגליות

LIBBY BLUM

Arista—7, 8
Librarian—5
Elchanette Staff—7, 8

There is a garden in her face wherein all pleasant fruits do grow

אילת אהובים ויעלת חן,
באהבתה תשגה תמיד

SYLVIA BLUMING

President of school—7, 8
Dramatics—2-4
Head Charity drive—6
Service Squad—3
Choir—2-4
Whatsoever a man soweth that shall he also reap

כל העוסקים עם הצבור יהיו עוסקים עמהם
לשם שמים . . . וצדקתם עומדת לעד.

MINA BORENSTEIN

She is the very pineapple of politeness

חכמות נשים בנתה ביתה

EDITH BRODY

G.O. Representative—2, 4
Office Squad—5, 6

I would help others out of a fellow feeling

חכם שואל כענין ומשיב כהלכה

BERNICE JOYCE COHEN

G.O. Representative—2, 3
Service Squad—4-6
Office Squad—5, 6
Handbook Committee—2

Good health and good sense are two of life's greatest blessings

אשירה נא לידידי שירת דודי

ROBERTA DAINA

G.O. Representative—7
Service Squad—7, 8
Office Squad—7

A heart as great as the world

איש אוהב חכמה ישמח

LILA ESRIG
Arista—6-8
Vice President of Arista—7, 8
Co-Editor of Spark—7, 8
Dramatics—1, 2, 4
Service Squad—3, 4
Librarian—3, 5
Elchanette Staff—7, 8
Head Charity Drive—7, 8
The world must have great minds even as great spheres

והאתרוג אינו חסר כלום.
אדם מריח באתרוג—הוא נהנה

ESTELLE FELD

Arista—5-8
Dramatics—1-3
Service Squad—1-3
G.O. Representative—3
Librarian—3
Elchanette Staff—7, 8

Who can mistake great thoughts

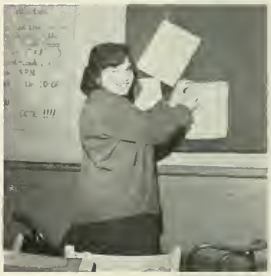
פיה פתחה בחכמה ותורת חסד על לשונה.

JUDY FEUER

Secretary of G.O.—7, 8
Co-head Baby Sitting Agency—6
Choir—2, 4, 5
Dramatics—2
Librarian—4, 6

Dance and provencal song and sunburnt mirth

עין רואה ואזן שומעת
וכל המעשים בספר נכתבים.



SURELE FREILICH

Arista—7, 8
Librarian—2-4
Service Squad—3, 4
Office Squad—3-5
G.O. Representative—5
Elchanette Staff—7, 8

Little friend of all the world

נצוץ תורה סבת שמחתה

CHAYA GELFAND

Arista Coaching Squad—5, 6
Office Squad—3-7
Spark—3, 4

A few honest men are better than numbers

כי ישרים ישכנו ארץ ותמימים יותרו בה.

BERTHA GLUCK

Arista—7, 8
G.O. Representative—6
Librarian—4
Office Squad—3-5
Service Squad—2, 4, 5

Who leads a good life is sure to live well

יראת ה' מוסר חכמה כבוד ענוה

HARRIET GNIWISCH

G.O. Representative—4, 6
Office Squad—3, 5

Let each try by great thoughts and good deeds

אמור לחכמה אחותי את

FRANCES GOLD

Arista Coaching Squad—5, 6
Basketball Team—3-8
Dramatics—5. 6

Every why hath a wherefore

משכיל על דבר ימצא טוב

BRYNA GOLDMAN

G.O. Representative—5, 6
Service Squad—4-7
Charity Drive Collector—5, 6

He hath a heart as sound as a bell

שלשה כתרים הם . . .
וכתר שם טוב עולה על גביהם

RIKKI GORDON

Arista Coaching Squad—5
Cheering Squad—3, 4
Debating Team—5, 6
Library—2, 3, 5, 6
Office Squad—4, 5

Take time enough, all other graces will take their proper places

אזן חכמים תבקש תחבולות

EVA GOTTDIENER

Arista Coaching Squad—5
G.O. Representative—4
Office Squad—3-6

Whatever is, is right

כסף נבחר לשון צדיק

MIRYAM GOTTLIEB

Librarian—3-6
Office Squad—3
Service Squad—2

Thought is deeper than all speech, feeling deeper than all thought

נפש ברכה נדשן ומרוה גם הוא יורא

HANNAH HALPERN

Library—3
Office Squad—3, 4, 6
School Decorating Committee—3

Life is too short to waste

מאור עינים ישמח לב

MARCIA HALPERN

Head of Co-op—2-8
G.O. Representative—1, 2
Cheering Squad—3, 4
Dramatics—2, 4, 6, 7, 8
Office Squad—5
Handbook Committee—7

Good nature and good sense must ever join

אוהביה כצאת השמת בגבורתו

PHYLLIS HANDSCHU

Arista Coaching Squad—3
Office Squad—3, 7, 8
Library—6

The only way to have a friend is to be one

מפתח שפתיה מישרים

RUTH HARTMAN

Basketball Team—3-8
G.O. Representative—3, 5, 6
Carnival Committee—3

As merry as the day is long

בור סיד שאינו מאבד טפה

HONEY HAUSMAN

Library—3, 6
Office Squad—3, 4, 6
Debating Team—4, 5, 6

Yet he was more original than his originals

שכל טוב יתן חן

MALCAH HERSHOWITZ

Editor-in-Chief Elchanette—7, 8
Editor-in-Chief Spark—5, 6
G.O. Representative—2, 3, 5
Dramatics—1-8
Office Squad—2-7
Service Squad—1
Librarian—6

'Tis good to be merry and wise

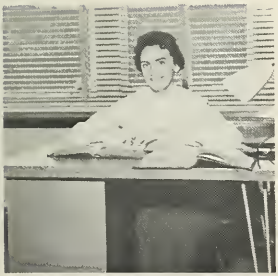
פקודיה ישרים משמחי לב

CHANI INTRATER

Arista Coaching Squad—5
Dramatics—1, 3-8
G.O. Representative—6
Librarian—4-6
Office Squad—4
Handbook Committee—7
Service Squad—2

The music that can deepest reach and cure all ill, is cordial speech

עין טובה, רוח נמוכה, נפש שפלה



ROSALEE JACOBSON

Arista Coaching Squad—3, 4
G.O. Representative—3, 4
Library—3, 4, 6
Service Squad—1, 2, 3, 5, 6

Memory that makes glad the sun

עם חסיד תתחסד ועם גבור תמים תתמם

HANNAH KALTER

Arista Coaching Squad—5
Office Squad—4
School Decorating Committee—3
Librarian—7, 8

Knowledge comes but wisdom lingers

שלום רב לאוהבי תורתך

JEANETTE KAPLAN

G.O. Representative—1
Librarian—5, 6
School Decorating Committee—3
Carnival Committee—5-8

Wit makes its own welcome and levels all distinctions

באית יפת מבחולות נדאה

ELIZABETH KATZ

G.O. Representative—1
Service Squad—1, 2
Cheerleader—3-8
Choir—1

From the crown of her head to the sole of her foot she is all mirth

ותמצא אסתר חן בעיני כל רואיה

ROSLYN KLEIN

Librarian—4, 6
Office Squad—4
Service Squad—5
G.O. Representative—8

Hear no evil, speak no evil, see no evil

הולך בתם ילך בטח

RUTH KLOTZ

Arista Coaching Squad—3, 5
Office Squad—2
Dramatics—2, 3

Share thy little with another, stretch a hand to one unfriended

בת חכמה תשמח אב

ANNETTE KRAMER

Arista Coaching Squad—5, 6
Debating Team—3, 5, 6
Office Squad—3, 5

The wise man is at home

ישמע חכם ויוסיף לקח

SANDRA LAMM

Service Squad—3, 4
Office Squad—3-6
Librarian—4
School Decorating Committee—3

Infinite riches in a little room

על כן נדבר בה נכבדות

PHYLLIS LAUER
Arista—5-8
Debating Team—5, 6
Office Squad—4-6
Service Squad—5, 6
Elchanette Staff—7, 8
G.O. Representative—3
Library—5, 6
Thou hast made him a little lower than the angels

ישמע חכם ויוסיף לקח
ונבון תחבולות יקנה

SARAH LEBOWITZ

Arista—8
Office Squad—4-8
Dramatics—2
Library—2
G.O. Representative—3, 5, 6, 8

A friend may well be reckoned the masterpiece of nature

אשה יראת ה' היא תתהלל

MYRNA LEVITAN

Arista Coaching Squad—3
Office Squad—4
G.O. Representative—1, 2

They are never alone that are accompanied with noble thoughts

ומצא חן ושכל טוב בעיני אלקים ואדם

DEBBIE LEVRANT

Basketball Team—5-8
Dramatics—3-8
Choir—3, 4

A hard beginning maketh a good ending

הוד תקוה מזהרת

LIBBY LEWKO

Arista Coaching Squad—5, 6
Service Squad—1-8
Librarian—5, 6

Is not true leisure one with true toil

איש אמונות רב ברכות

MIRIAM LIEBER

Art Editor Elchanette—7, 8
Dramatics—3
School Decorating Committee—3-6
Carnival Committee—4

As upright as the cedar

מבקשי ה' יבינו הכל

MARILYN LIND

Cheering Squad—3-8
G.O. Representative—8
Carnival Committee—3, 5

With a smile to match the sun's bright rays

אין השכינה שורה אלא מתוך שמחת מצוה

BRAHA MARCUS

Basketball Team—5-8
Head of Poster Committee—5, 6
Library—6
Dramatics—3, 4
Decorating Committee—1, 3, 4
G.O. Representative—4
Handbook Committee—7

Art is man's nature, nature is G-D's art

לב שמח וטוב פנים

SESIL MARKOWITZ

G.O. Representative—3, 5
Service Squad—3, 4
Librarian—5, 6

There is a time for all things

טהורה רבת אורה

LORRAINE MYKOFF

Cheering Squad—4-8
Carnival Committee—7, 8

She walks in beauty as the night

כצינת שלג ביום קציר

RITA NEMETH

G.O. Representative—3, 4
Service Squad—3-7
Librarian—5, 6
Carnival Committee—5

With natural beauty, gestures that still a silent grace express

לכן לבוש עטרת יופי

FRANCES PAKTER

Office Squad—6-8
Arista Coaching Squad—3, 4
Head Handbook Committee—7, 8
Service Squad—4, 5
Dramatics—1-4, 7, 8
Librarian—6-8
G.O. Representative—5

To be a well favored man is the gift of G-D

שלמה בתורה שלמה בדרך ארץ

FRANCES POPPER

G.O. Representative—1, 2, 4, 6
Office Squad—3, 6
Choir—3
Volley Ball Team—2

Why then, the world is mine oyster

ליועצי שלום שמחה

RHODA RABINOWITZ

Arista—6-8
Hebrew Editor Elchanette—7, 8
School Librarian—4-6
G.O. Representative—2
Service Squad—3
Office Squad—3

We walk by faith not by sight

תורה וגדולה במקום אחד

DEBBY RIBACK

Basketball Team—1-8
Athletic Manager—3-8
G.O. Representative—3, 6
Librarian—3, 5, 6
Service Squad—1, 2, 4
Office Squad—4-6
Handbook Committee—7

Enough work to do and strength enough to do the work

כל האהוב למטה בידוע . . . שאהוב למעלה

NAOMI ROITMAN

Arista—6-8
English Editor Elchanette—7, 8
Dramatics—1-4, 8
G.O. Representative—3
Debating Team—3-8
Service Squad—4
Handbook Committee—7

And hiving wisdom with each studious year

החכמים יזהירו כזהר הרקיע

HARRIET ROSEN

G.O. Representative—4
Service Squad—2, 3

Better to give than to take

קומי נא אחותי בלב שמח

LILA ROTH

G.O. Representative—3
Office Squad—2, 3

A virtuous heart therewith a lofty mind

הולך בתם ילך בטח

RUTH ROTHSCHILD

Dramatics—2-6
Service Squad—3, 4
Librarian—5, 6
Cheering Squad—3, 4

A friend is never known till man have need

לב נבון יקנה דעת

EVELYN RUDOFF

President of Arista—7, 8
Arista—6-8
Editor of Spark—7, 8
Staff of Elchanette—7, 8
Head Service Squad—4
Dramatics—1-4, 7, 8
G.O. Representative—5

Upon his brow the crown of achievement lies

ואזן חכמים תבקש תחבולות

EVELYN SCHIFF

Arista Coaching Squad—5
Dramatics—1-5
Office Squad—1, 2, 3, 4, 7
Library—3-6

Nothing is impossible to a willing heart

אהבתה תבהיק יקר

ANITA SCHNALL

Arista Coaching Squad—5
Basketball Team—3-8
Dramatics—1, 2
Office Squad—3-6
Service Squad—4

There's a good time coming

צדקתה כהר תבור

BARBARA SCHWARTZ

Arista—7, 8
School Librarian—7, 8
Basketball Team—3-8
G.O. Representative—4

Nothing endures but personal qualities

טוב שם טוב משמן טוב

BELLA SIEGEL

Arista Coaching Squad—6, 7
G.O. Representative—7

Yours is the earth and everything in it

תכלית חכמה — ללמד וללמד
לשמר ולעשות ולקים

ROBERTA SIEGEL

Office Squad—4, 6
Service Squad—3, 7
Volleyball Team—1

All gifts and graces in this lady fair

אשת אמונות רב ברכות

NAOMI SIEGFRIED

Arista—7, 8
Dramatics—1-3
Debating Team—3-8
Handbook Committee—7
Spark—7, 8

Stadies serve for delight, for ornament and for ability

מרבה תורה מרבה חיים,

BATYA SOLLER

Service Squad—3
Librarian—5

Good thoughts her best friends

על שלשה דברים העולם עומד —
על התורה, על העבודה ועל גמילות חסדים

SHEBA SPIELMAN

G.O. Representative—1
Business Manager—5
Service Squad—2, 3

All is well that ends well

קנה לו דברי תורה קנה לו חיי העלום הבא

MYRNA STEINBERG

Basketball Team—3-8
Dramatics—3
Office Squad—6, 7
Choir—1

Let tomorrow take care of tomorrow

לפי שכלה תתהלל אשה

GERALDINE STRULOWITZ

G.O. Representative—1, 6
Cheering Squad—1-8
Head of Service Squad—5, 6
Office Squad—5

O' what may man within him hide, though angel on the outward side

הוה גולה למקום תורה

SANDRA SUSSMAN

G.O. Representative—3, 4
Choir—2, 3

There are times that try men's souls

לב טוב משמח את האדם

RUTH TAGER

Business Manager Elchanette—7, 8
Basketball Team—4-8
Office Squad—5-8
G.O. Representative—4, 5

A creative economy is the fuel of magnificence

בכל קנינך קנה בינה

LIBBY VIM

Office Squad—5, 6
G.O. Representative—4

Sweet mercy is nobility's true badge

נחל נובע מקור חכמה

ROCHELLE WARSHAVIAK

Service Squad—3-6
Office Squad—5
G.O. Representative—3

He profits most who serves best

קנתה לה שם טוב לעצמה קנתה

EDITH WEISS

G.O. Representative—3, 4
Cheering Squad—3-7

A thing of beauty is a joy forever

אשת חן תתמך כבוד

SANDRA ZOLLMAN

G.O. Representative—3, 4
Service Squad—4, 5
Charity Drive Collector—5, 6

A happy spirit in a pensive air

מברכיך ברוך

MYRNA ZUCKERBERG

G.O. Representative—6

The natural desire of good men is knowledge

אוהב מוסר אוהב דעת

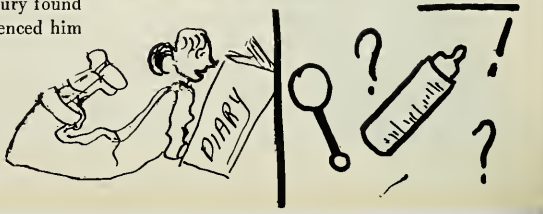
We were so young and yet . . .

FRESHMEN YEAR

Peace and serenity reign over Central till. . . . Dum de dum dum. . . . September 14, 1951. . . . WE ARE THERE!!!

We start our first year off with a bang when an A-Bomb drill turns into a Hebrew song and dance jam session. Our internal and superior instinct tells us there is no elevator and no pool. . . . We mass cut, but only half escape. Friedman was watching. . . . Incident in a museum—Topic: Rats. "Roitman, come away, they're alive." "I know, but they're my friends. . . . Marcia's walking, Marcia's gone, where's Marcia? "Well you see there was this open cellar door, and the next minute. . . ." Our society debut at Yedie's and Al's turns out to be the social event of the season. Yedie's last words, "When you gonna *buy* a jokebook?" . . . If you think Jekyll and Hyde are bad you should see some of the mad scientists they ship us. . . . Two handsome young men enter our French class, Monsieur Stephen et Monsieur Arnold. . . . Exploring doctors stretch us out on cold slabs and poke around till we are lovely shades of red and blue. Three-fourths of the girls have flat feet, the other fourth have flat heads, but no matter. . . . we all have blushing red faces! . . . Attendance in the park shows that 9 out of 10 freshmen prefer squirrels to teachers. . . .

Bassell starts preparing us for the English regents. . . . Sheila and Sue have a pleasant but short stay at Central—exit Sue Weber and Sheila Leifer! . . . Mr. Unger, like all civic minded, mature men, watches Gang Busters on T.V. So next day in what is our excuse for a civics class, Mr. Unger vs. the state (of insanity) in a notorious mock trial. The plaintiff John Q. Student charges Benedict A. Unger with marking on a curve, abusing rights and liberties of the students and of the use of zeros without a permit. The court was moved by the touching testimony. Nevertheless, the jury found the defendant guilty as charged and sentenced him to another year of teaching freshmen! . . .



Freshmen decide to move to Russia. We didn't get to Russia but we did get to Bedford and Snyder. Russia would have been better. We hated to evict the mice but it was either us or them. Unfortunately it had to be them. . . . Central and Erasmus. . . . Mutt and Jeff. Swiss cheese has nothing on Central. Tried to decorate the building ourselves. End result: "The Mob" autographs the walls. Friedman discovers the culprits. End result: "The Mob" serves detention with Ajax and a pail of water! . . .

We get bricked in, glass proves to be no obstacle to snowballs. (Kallner got water on the brain in the form of a snowball) . . . 'C' class talent becomes apparent when we present that smash hit, "Our Father's Talis" directed by Marilyn Lind. The father wasn't quite as dead as he should have been, thanks to Jeanette Kaplan.

. . . April Fool's Day—instead of chumash we prefer interior decorating. Our first assignment—Remodel the room! . . . 'Case of the Missing Briefcase' — victim — Rabbi Berenholz — Verdict —guilty (no mercy) Result—everyone gets minus 5—! . . . During the Unger trial, Dorrit practiced penmanship. Where? On Mr. Unger's cuffs of course. Result—When Uncle Sam calls, Mr. Unger eagerly becomes a pfc! . .

We go Republican; "It's time for a change" Rabbi Friedman goes Democratic; "You never had it so good"! . . . Our mass cut with Berenholz cuts five points off our mark! . . . —Ravetch's definition of a tragedy: "A comedy that didn't get any laughs"! . . . Doc Hershkovics thinks Miriam L. belongs to the escapist school, so he suggests boarding up the window. . . . We tried to show our deep affection for Mr. Unger by —bringing the customary 'Apple for the teacher' . . . Finals came and (some of us) passed. . . . "No! ma, my report card does not have the measles!" . . . Exit Dr. Hershkovics!

We ask Mr. Bassell to Charleston. His reply: "I can't, not in front of all of you."

The road ahead was long . . .

SOPHOMORE YEAR

Fine freshmen are now silly sophomores! . . .

Historical and hysterical events: Mrs. Jaffe and Rabbi Perlman come to Central! . . . Exit Susan Rozenzweig, but Susy wasn't entirely gone! . . .

Enter Mrs. Gazith and Debby Levrant! . . . Mr. Ravetch gets the "30 Days to a More Powerful Vocabulary" bug! . . . We get one free period. Dr. Lewin says, "Too much free time." He fills the free time with Mussar! . . .

G-D COUNTS HER TEARS

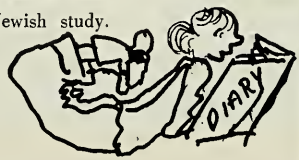
By PHYLLIS LAUER

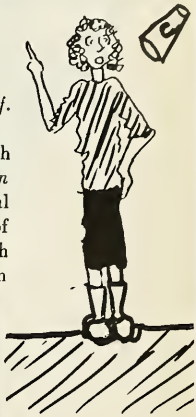
People mocked the fact that I was planning to continue my Jewish education. They had said, and frankly led me to believe, that the active roles in Judaism were reserved for the male, for a woman's role in Jewish life should be a passive one.

What a different understanding of our heritage and way of life the studies of Jewish History and Jewish Ethics have given me. These classes have taught me that, on the contrary, Judaism and Jewish life are built to a great extent around the active role that a Jewish woman must take.

The basis of Jewish social life is the family, and Proverbs teaches us, "*Hear my son, the instruction of thy father, and forsake not the teaching of thy mother.*" The mother's role was placed higher than the father's, for it was realized that if is the Jewish mother who raises the child in accordance with the precepts of the Torah, and conducts her home in a manner which illustrates the beauty of Jewish life, while the father is away all day earning a livelihood for his family.

In no way is the Jewish woman looked upon by the Talmud as being inferior to the man. Her sphere of activity is different from man's but no less significant. It is to the woman that our Talmud assigns the credit if her husband and children apply themselves to Torah and Jewish study.





A conclusive proof of woman's dominant place in Jewish life is the undeniable fact that the hallowing of the Jewish home is her work. Our sages duly recognized her wonderful spiritual influence. As the Talmud puts it, "*Love thy wife as thyself and honor her more than thyself. Be careful not to cause woman to weep for G-D counts her tears.*"

Although in these modern United States equality was granted to woman through the Suffrage Act as late as 1920, Genesis tells us, "*G-D created man in his own image, male and female created He them.*" Both man and woman are in their spiritual nature equal to G-D and both were invested with the same authority. The wives of the Jewish forefathers are considered in the same light as their husbands. Devorah was a judge in Israel. Huldah was a prophetess and Salome Alexander was a queen in the times of the Second Temple.

The heroic acts of Jewish women are responsible for the turn of history in so many cases. We need only mention Queen Esther, Chana and her seven sons and Judith in the time of the Maccabbees.

Central is teaching and amply preparing us for the role we must play as future Jewish women. The magnitude of this role is something that will be found only in diaries of later, —later dates.

Music test such fun. Can even write with lipstick. Halfway through we get exempt with 100. Eva wears a neckerchief; Mr. Grossman gives her five extra points for coming to school under extreme medical difficulties! . . . Math department turns over a new "Lieff!" . . . Goodbye Meryl Dobin! . . . A new 'Chaya' comes to our school, turns out to be "Gelephant (d)"! . . .

Policemen become accustomed to desperate Central girls but have difficulty in locating Rudoff's garter! . . . Mar Hoffman's complaint, "What is Central coming to? Girls spend all their spare time in the office rendering service to the school when they could be studying 'Chumash'!" . . . Dr. Saphire doesn't think Central girls are graceful enough. Fanya and her folk dancing become part of the curriculum. "Dr. Saphire! What are you doing here so often?"! . . . Central gives lessons in the art of "Taming a Shrew." Shakespeare helps out! . . . Mr. Wallach at Camp SohCahToa. "Any questions, foolish or otherwise, Miss H. Halpern?" The "hock shops" won't "caveat emptor"! . . . Sophmores love Mr. Wallach so much we get him a blackboard as a present. Front page headlines—Mr. Wallach's trousers defying gravity! . . . The trip of the year—Kallner wants to prove there are other old fossils so he takes Central and brother school T.A. (*big thrill*) to the Museum of Natural History. Mrs. Jofen serves as chaperone! . . . Exit Dr. Jacobowitz for Los Angeles! . . . We are now pleased to call Mrs. Jofen 'Dr. Jofen'! . . . Finals 'found' in obscure places throughout the school! . . . For girls who are taking their first regents we look too happy. Could Y.U. have anything to do with it??? These regents! They really trust us around here. We even get personal escorts to the Ladies Room. . . . So long Danielle Gorlin and Shirley Liebman! . . . We finally become veterans of the regents! . . .

We ask Bassell to Charleston. His reply: "Patience is a virtue!" . . .

We were reaching . . .

JUNIOR YEAR

We return as jolly juniors! . . . New programs, new paint, new rooms, old teachers. One new teacher—Mr. Weinstein. One goodbye—Mrs. Gazith! . . . Libby and Bella join us! . . . We still hold the world's record for escaping Hoffman's tyranny! . . .

First few months keep us in doubt about Rebetzin Shaingarten. "Is she or isn't she?" . . . Hadassa Lichtenstein takes over Siddur classes! . . . Mrs. Lieff is new here and doesn't realize that we can't master her complicated mathematics! . . . Hoffman separates the Malcahs (Halpern and Hershowitz) to disintegrate the evil spirit! . . . Rebetzin Shaingarten fooled us. She was! . . . Through the years Marty keeps insisting "The T.A. boys are stinkers s-t-i-n-k-e-r-s for not cabling the tests to us! . . . Our luck ran out. Mr. Hoffman now "he-a-done" of our classes! . . . Three tests a day keep coming our way!

. . . Taub takes a vacation in the form of a honeymoon. New sten teacher turns out to be pretty 'frank'. Miss Frank leaves for a honeymoon as Miss Taub is welcomed back as Mrs. Tessel! . . . Soochie, Menucha, Ruthie K. and Bertha whistle while they work. (on their chalil that is)! . . . Perlman understands the problems of a young Central girl when, in a fit of madness, Rudoff pulls a knife and threatens his very life. It proves to be an epidemic! . . . Exit Rebetzin Shaingarten! . . . We have something new to drive the teachers crazy. Henny imports noise boxes. Cows and cats from the box and *we're* laughing hyenas! . . .

Interior decorating once again wins confidence vote over chumash. Berenholz goes on a sitdown strike. The shortest distance between two floors is through the windows! . . . Lineup in Hoffman's class—Since when does 'shmos' contain 'krias shema'? Only thirteen more 'shealonim' to study and then we'll be exempt from the chumash final—compliments of Mar Haffman 'hechadash'! . . . Weinstein ends everything with a 'nekooda'! . . . M. Halpern and M. Hershowitz get a taste of prison life when locked in the co-op during Hoffman's mishnah test. Apparently they didn't know the door opens from the inside! . . . As Perlman put it, "It's the 'klal' of our own Temima Pakter." . . .

Shame, shame, and at their age too. The measles epidemic arrives. Victims—Pakter and Roitman! . . . The Wednesday eve skating becomes a weekly affair! . . . Mrs. Lieff continues to teach us things we'll never understand! . . . Same character holds special math class on Sunday for those of us who wish to pass the regents! . . .

Mr. Ravetch's formula for being the life of the party. "Read ye olde prologue to ye olde Canterbury Tales." . . . Iris still the big bad wolf as she takes over the role of guidance counselor. The trouble is, the seniors got all the advice! . . . Jewish ethics classes start. In general, just stay away from men; unless they're worth the 'ahveyrah'! . . . Latin takes its place on our curriculum . . . hic! . . . Evelyn Schiff wins the Journal American Oratorical Contest with her essay on Abraham Lincoln.

ABRAHAM LINCOLN AND I, THE PENNY

By EVELYN SCHIFF

Although my worth is the lowest in the land, I bear the face of the greatest American whose story from beginning to end is a symphony of courage and compassion.

I remember once when I was held in the palm of a five year old boy who pointed to my face and asked, "Father, who is that man on the penny?" The father looked a moment and then replied, "That man, my son, opened the gates that locked us in and let us walk out free."

How proud I am to wear the face of Abraham Lincoln.

When I find myself in a humble home, where poverty has discouraged the family, I feel like shouting, "The greatest leader in American history was born in just such a home as yours."

When I am with a person struggling to make something of himself against overwhelming odds, he has only to look at my face and remember the heritage of hope Abraham Lincoln has left him. He was very poor and lived from hand to mouth, but that did not discourage him. He was always trying to better himself by reading.

Recently I accidentally fell and rolled on the office floor of a young lawyer. He picked me up and, when he looked at my face, a smile of relief spread over his features, and he said to a colleague, "Abe Lincoln never pleaded a case if he thought his client was in the wrong, and neither will I."

For a while I was the lucky piece on the desk of a history teacher, and many wonderful things I heard her tell her class about her favorite former president. "Uprightness of character has its own reward and is soon noticed by the people around us," she said. "The natural kindliness of Abraham's tone, softening prejudice and disarming ill feeling, would often open, to his reasoning, minds most unwilling to receive it. Sympathy was the strongest and predominating element in his nature. As his sympathy went forth to others, it attracted others to him. He had grown up among the plain people and they felt drawn to him. In his ways of thinking and feeling he had become a gentleman in the highest sense of the word, but the polish did not extend to his exterior. He never lost that look of rusticity, and people in all walks of life considered him one of them." That was the introduction she gave the class, before she told them of his entering politics, his great speech in Congress on anti-slavery, the debates he had with Douglas, who believed that slavery was a matter of choice, and himself who wanted to abolish it. Douglas said, "G-D has put good and evil before man and told him to make his choice." Lincoln replied, on the contrary, "G-D has told man about the tree that bore the fruit of evil and forbade him to partake of it."

Once, I, the penny found myself in a psychiatrist's office, listening to a patient's tale of woe. "You think you have trouble," the doctor told him, "Well, listen to this story about a man, a man who was the gentlest and most peace loving of mortals, a man who could not witness pain without feeling a pang of pain himself. Such a man found himself called upon to lead his country into one of the bloodiest civil wars. As Lincoln had stated, 'A house divided amongst itself cannot stand.' "

I was lying on the desk with some other pennies, in a little girl's room when I heard her mother tell her the story of Cinderella and how she forgave her wicked sisters when she became a princess.

"Mother," I wanted to tell her, "when your child gets older, you will not have to resort to fiction to teach her this lesson in forgiveness. When President Lincoln began, his opponents stood before him baffled and humiliated. He did not lose a minute to stretch his hand out in friendship and say, 'May I ask those that were with me join with me, those that were against me."

I was resting lightly in the pocket of a little boy who was standing in front of the statue of the great man whose face I bear. The father told him, "This president was killed by a fanatic who thought he was an enemy, but he was the best friend this country ever had. Come let us read together the words inscribed on the statue. 'In this temple as in the hearts of the people for whom he saved the union, the memory of Abraham Lincoln is enshrined forever.' "

The official junior cry, "Sarah, help us with our math." . . . Mr. Lilker's birthday we throw a big party starring Hershi's Knishes and Roitman's cheesecake (the kind you eat)! . . . Rudoff's faith in little old ladies is restored when her wallet is handed in! . . . Roitman, Rabinowitz and Pakter hold mass 'prophets' sessions in the basement one hour before the finals! . . . "Miss Pakter come here!" "I'm not Pakter I'm Intrater." She's the Chani Intrater that won the Barton's essay contest. We all got ice cream and loads of candy.

למה אני מתגאה להיות יהודיה
מאת חנה אינטרעטר

הייתי חפצה לכתב כל הסבות והטעמים למה אני מתיהרת להיות יהודיה, אבל אי אפשר לי, כי אם כך אעשה אני אהיה בלי מלים. לפיכך אני בחרתי, את שני הטעמים שלפי דעתי הם העקריים. הראשון על שאנו נקראים בנים לה', והטעם השני על שאנו נקראים בני תורה. לפי שני הטעמים הללו אנו נחשבים להחשובים ביותר מכל העמים.

בכדי להראות את אמיתות הטעם הראשון אביא לכם ראיה. חכמינו, ז"ל אמרו, „התשובה מהני רק לישראל ולא לגויים." והנה נראה, שחס ושלום, יש עול במשפט ה'. אבל רבותינו אמרו שזהוא בצדק, בישר, וגם לפי משפט התורה. על פי דין, התשובה איננה מועילה. ועוד דין נמצא, שמלך שמחל על כבודו, אין כבודו מחול. אבל ישראל נקראים בנים לה', כמו שנאמר; „בנים אתם לה' אלקיכם," והקב"ה אב לנו. והרי „מלך אלקים על גוים." אם כן הרי הכל באמת והכל בדין.

ועתה אפשר להסביר עוד פסוק שלכאורה קשה להבין. כתוב; „חשף ה׳ את זרוע קדשו לעיני כל הגוים וראו כל אפסי ארץ את ישועת אלקינו.״ למה גלה ה׳ את זרועו לעיני כל הגוים? הטעם פשוט—כי לעתיד לבוא יתמהו כל הגוים על השאלה — מדוע תשובה מועילה לישראל לוא לגוים? ולזה יגלה ה׳ את זרועו—שהקב״ה גם כן מניח תפילין בזרועו, אבל בתפילין שלו כתוב—„כי מי גוי גדול אשר לו אלקים קרובים אליו, כה׳ אלקינו בכל קראינו אליו.״ וידעו כל הגוים כי הישועה מגיעה רק לישראל, כי הם בנים של הקב״ה, ואב שמחל על כבודו, כבודו מחול.

הטעם השני שבגלל אני מתגאה להיות יהודיה, הוא שאני מהעם ששומר את החוקים והמשפטים של התורה. וכתוב בתורה; „זאת חוקת התורה אשר צוה ה׳ לאמר.״ ואם מבארים את הפסוק כפשוטו מוצאים שהמלה „לאמר״ היא לכאורה מיתרת. אלא לאמר שראוי להושיע לישראל מבלי טעם כי גם הם מקימים את החוקים בלי טעם.

אני יהירה בשם ישראל. רבי אחד בא לארץ ישראל, הוא ראה ילד, ולא ידע אם הוא יהודי או ערבי. שאל אותו, והילד ענה—„אני יהודי, ברוך ה׳.״ גם אני אומרת כך. ר׳ יהודה הלוי אומר בשירו—„ציון הלא תשאלי״—ישנה ויחלוף כליל כל ממלכות האליל; חסנך לעולם, לדור ודור גזריך.״ אלפים שנה היינו בגלות המרה, ובאותו הזמן אבדו הרבה אומות העולם, ואין אנו יודעים כלום מהם. אנו, אשר כל הגוים חפצים לעקר את עמנו, וזאת היתה המטרה של פרעה במצרים, זאת היתה המטרה של הרבה שונאי ישראל עד היטלר, ימח שמו, וגם בימינו—אנחנו לא נאבדנו. בעזרת ה׳ ובכח התורה התגברנו על כל הצרות האלה, ועדין קימים. אחרי אלפים שנה, זכינו לראות את הקמת מדינת ישראל, שאנו מקוים וחושבים שהיא „אתחלתא דגאולה״ ואנו מקוים לגאולה שלימה במהרה בימינו, אמן.

The appendix operation becomes a fad, with Esrig, Roitman and Lieber indulging! . . . Hoffman says there's nothing to ask in 'Yisro' so there are only seventy-five questions and one hundred and twenty-five words on the 'shealon'. . . .

School elections; Bluming for President and Feuer for Secretary. She vows to spend hours taking minutes. Riback gets life contract as Athletic Manager! . . .

We ask Bassell to Charleston. His reply: "Wait till next year."

It's a woman's world . . .

SENIOR YEAR

Jolly juniors become sophisticated seniors! . . . Our summer vacation makes us women of the world! . . . Enter Rabbi Bernstein. . . . Bassell is still wearing his ties at half-mast. . . . (ditto Rabbi Perlman's trousers.) . . .

After denying her delicate condition for eight months, Mrs. Lieff adds one to two, and then there were three! . . . Room 36 serves as senior cafeteria, strictly exclusive. Myrna S. goes into competition with the Salvation Army—she brings enough food for everyone! . . . Crinolines come in—skirts go out! "It's a bird, it's a plane. . . . It's an Anne Fogarty! . . . We are so completely unnoticed that they don't even bother giving us any books till three months after school starts. As if this wasn't bad enough, as soon as we get our hands on these literary rarities, Charles (Friday) Friedman goes on the book-cover campaign! . . . Using Tager's coat as a shield, Mr. Bassell takes up bee hunting as a bobby. . . . We're seniors now and not that our heads are swelling, you understand, but we just can't get our hats on! . . . When Rabbi Perlman refuses to teach us about modern Hebrew authors, Malcah insists, recommending 'Michael Shipalain', who we all know is second only to Bialik! . . . The gum club is formed. . . . Such a fuss over the new Mr. Guss! . . . Weinstein thinks Lizzy's a banjo—he keeps picking on her! . . . Feuer now a foreigner—residing in Patterson, N. J.! . . . Well miracles *do* happen, Gold finally got a *good* plus in Perlman's class! . . . Demerit system arrives! No more 10 o'clock lunches or 2 o'clock teas. The clean-up purge is on again.

We get locked out of our rooms. Our new theme song: "Open the door Charlie." We complain, we yell, we fight and we get results. Friedman gives us one more chance with his new 'open-door policy'—but we still can't eat there! . . . Debby R. is so near-sighted she thinks the garbage pail is a basket—keeps throwing papers in it and marking it off on her scoreboard! . .

Perlman can't hear when we read, so we must speak louder and *louder* and *LOUDER* and LOUDER! . . . Mr. Sschur's Zoology class—"Flies, flies, who's leaning on the flies?" . . . Lilker is hungry again, be on the lookout! . . . Rabbi Bernstein teaches like a train, except he doesn't stop at the stations! . . .

Flash! All chickens in the vicinity of Bedford & Synder Avenues—beware, Dr. Jofen will get you if you don't watch out! . . . Joyce starts singing. Why the sudden rage for earplugs?

הצדיק אבד . . . (ישעיהו נ"ז, א)
מאת נעמי סינפריעד

ביום שבת קודש, ט"ו מר חשון, תשי"ד, אחד מגאוני דורנו, הרב אברהם ישעיהו קרליין זצ"ל בעל ה„חזון־איש", נפטר, בהיותו בן שבעים ושלש שנה.

עדות לגדולו היא שבני אדם נהרו אליו מכל תפוצות תבל לבקש עצתו וברכתו. אמצו לא היה מגבל ללמוד התורה שבו הצטין, ותורתו היתה תורת משה. אהבתו להבריות היתה שוה לאהבה של אהרן, „אוהב את הבריות ומקרבן לתורה." בכל מעשיו היתה נכרת התחשבותו ברגשות אחרים. כל אחד שבא אליו עם דאגות, פחד, ושאלות קשות מסתלק ממנו מלא תקוה, עצה או ברכה.

כדי שתלמידים גאוני תורה, וירא ה', יוכלו להתמסר לתפקידם הקדוש, הרבה מוסדות תורה וחנוך נתמכו על ידיו בבני ברק, בין ההרים, ששם חי עשרים שנה משנות חייו. הוא גם הקים תכנית של בנין דירות עבורם ועבור משפחותיהם.

ה„חזון איש" נולד בווילנה, „ירושלים דליטא." רק עובדות מעטות ידועות לנו על ילדותו, כי בהיותו עוד צעיר התרחק מההברה. אפילו בבית המדרש התבודד. רק לעתים רחוקות השתתף בעסקים צוברים, לא מפני שלא דאג לטובת עמו, חלילה, אלא העדיף לעזר לפרט.

במשך שלשים וחמש השנים האחרונות לחיו, ה„חזון איש" הדפיס עשרים וארבעה ספרי הלכה בכל שטחי התורה. ביחוד הוא ידוע כפוסק הלכה בנוגע למכונות מודרניות. ספריו הם תוצאה של חיים קדושים. דברי תורה היו שגורים בפיו.

רבותינו, זכרונם לברכה, אמרו שדבריהם ומעשיהם של צדיקים הם זכרונם — מנקודת ההשקפה הגשמית, חיי ה„חזון איש" היו דלים אבל מצד הרוחני היה עשיר מופלג. כן, דברי ומעשי הצדיק הזה. הנציחו את זכרונו לדור ודור.

. . . The Statue of Liberty has nothing on Sesil Markowitz, who stood all through first periods, coat on, books in hand! . . . Perlman must be very maternal looking, otherwise why would Schiffy call him 'mother'. . . . Photographer comes. Boy, what a photographer! . . . Pictures come. . . . What? a photographer? . . . The naughty seniors of Central High get a chance to show just how naughty they are at the Chanukah Chagiga! . . . Jewish Ethics classes not so ethical. . . . Annette agrees with a bang! . . . "It's soooooo true!!!! . . . We get so the swim of things with pert little hatboxes. Our Ethics class could use a soundproof room! . . . Miriam L. and Myrna S. donate their talent to the world of art. While everybody goes modern, they're still reviving the Renaissance! . . . Graduation photos developed. Developed into a crisis, that is. "If that's what we look like, we're having plastic surgery"! . . . Faigy gets promoted from charity drive chairman to ad collector. . . . Fran Gold & Marcia Halpern lead the shoeless 'barefoot brigade'. . . . Limp-a-long Centralites! . . . Central's halls look like a gambling casino when the 'dreidle' season arrives. Charley wins all our money. (Is it possible to 'fix' a dreidle?). . . . Anyone care to try her luck at the machines? There's candy, juice and more candy to be won. (For nickels and dimes naturally)! . . . We have so many adventures! . . .

IT IS A WOMAN'S WORLD

By DORRIT BLECH and EVELYN RUDOFF

Now that our high-school days are over, we feel that we have become women of the world. Strangely enough, our worldliness is not all due to booklearning; for how can anyone be considered worldly without having visited a police station or a bar, without ever having frequented a department store?

Before you get the wrong impression, we will explain how these unusual experiences have contributed invaluably to our education. When Central moved to a new location curiosity overcame us and we decided to explore the neighborhood. Much to our delight we discovered that no less than half a block away was a police station. Whenever we had a free moment we would stand outside hoping to catch a glimpse of a hardened criminal being brought to justice. Finally, we got up enough courage to venture into that fearful building. As we entered, the desk sergeant covered his curiosity with a stern look. "What are you doing here?" he asked. We had to think fast for a plausible excuse why two innocent looking young girls should be in a police station. "M-m-may w-we t-talk to the d-detectives?" We were glad to see that our courage had not left us. Suddenly, the expression on the face of the desk sergeant changed from one of sterness to that of us to the office of the detectives. We must admit quiet amusement.

Much to our surprise he directed that at this point our courage began to falter, for the picture we had in our minds of a detective was a cross between Rocky King and Sergeant Joe Friday.

Now was the time to organize our story. We figured that the most decent type of person (besides a policeman) to have business in a police station was a reporter. Cleverly assuming the guise of reporters, we approached a very pleasant looking man and told him that we wished to speak to the detectives. Imagine our relief, when we found that this pleasant looking man was the detective.

Immediately, the fearful images in our minds were dispelled. We proceeded to tell him who we were and he obliged us by answering our questions and telling us that the life of a detective is not as glamorous as it is depicted on television. We were completely disillusioned.

After the novelty of the police station had worn off we resumed our explorations. Not far from the police station was a nice respectable bar. Never having been in a bar, we decided to take advantage of this opportunity. The bar was dimly lit. Nonchalantly we walked up to the counter and gave our order. The bartender eyed us suspiciously, but nonetheless, set our drinks on the counter. Maybe it was just the atmosphere but it was the best milk we ever tasted.

Another one of our favorite hangouts was Macy's. Here our economics course really came in handy. Now we could see the advantages of a large scale department store over a small one. In Macy's we could shop unmolested without any money in our pockets. In a large store we give the appearance of prospective customers, and walk around the store, inspecting the merchandise. While trying on a ridiculous looking hat we noticed a crowd surrounding a booth. This no doubt meant a special sale. One of our weaknesses was bargains. Excitedly we rushed over to the counter and were stunned, for that salesman was some bargain! We stood around gaping at this handsome young salesman. Finally, we were able to tear our eyes from him and focused our attention on the product he was selling.

What a letdown to see him sell eye glass cleaner, but we were willing to buy anything from him. We must have made him feel a little self conscious as we watched him demonstrate his product, for he began to falter in his salestalk. Reluctantly we took our leave, for it was time to go back to school. We wanted an excuse to return to Macy's without appearing conspicuous. Finally, we hit upon a scheme. We returned to the store two hours later with our pockets stuffed with eye glasses. With great anticipation we rushed over to the counter and emptied our pockets. We looked up and much to our disgust in place of our Adonis was a short, bald, middle-aged man. We stood around in agony while he proceeded to clean all those eye glasses. Even after all his work, his product did not impress us. It was no bargain.

Viciously he eyed us as we took our leave. We returned the clean eye glasses to the puzzled but satisfied girls.

Now that we have attained the maturity which comes with being sober seniors, we look back on our many adventures with amusement, realizing that these experiences were an integral part of our education.

T'was the day before Tuesday, a blizzard was blizzin,
When 300 inmates entered Central's prison.
And all of a sudden, there arose quite a clatter,
We ran up the stairs to see what was the matter.
The news spread like wildfire, not a single soul tarried,
To broadcast the news that Bassell would be married.
But behind all the smiles we were quite enraged,
Cause he hadn't even told us that he was engaged.

Good evening Mr. & Mrs. T. A. High Schools and all the Yeshivas in Brooklyn, let's go to press! . . . Well, as predicted, the greatest society blow of the season has finally arrived. That internationally, notorious, infamously famous, ultra-exclusive bachelor fraternity the 'Phri-Betta Lotkas' has lost one of its most confirmed members. Mr. Perfidio Roberto E. Bassellinio, who came over on the 'Juneflower' (missed the Mayflower, you know) has been married to Miss Marilyn Fishman. The nuptials were held one week before the betrothels were announced!

. . . We ask Mr. Bassell to Charleston. . . .
MR. BASSELL CHARLESTONS

It was fun together . . .

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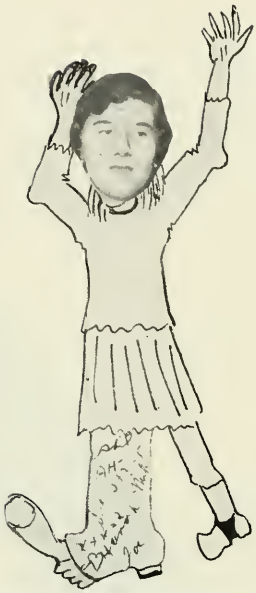

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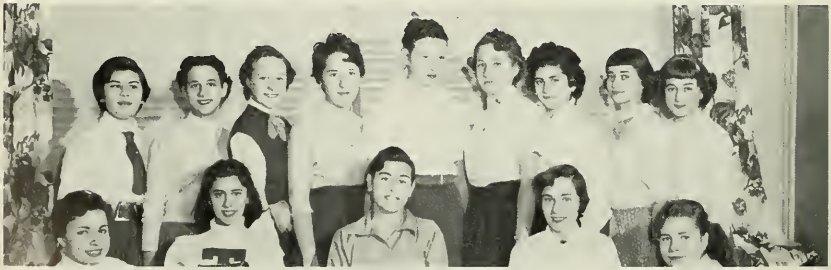

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Back Row—Dorrit Blech, Naomi Siegfried

DEBATING TEAM

Four years ago, Central's Debating Team enjoyed a very good reputation. Debates were limited to Uptown T.A. and Brooklyn T.A. Of course inter-school debates were also taking place. That was the 1951-1952 season. The team beat U.T.A. every time, and our losses to B.T.A. were rare and far between.

Then came the 1952-1953 season. Something happened to the team. Our first debate of the season with U.T.A. We lost. The topic was, "Resolved: That a system of wage and price controls should be adopted by the U.S. Government." Central had the affirmative and U.T.A. presented the negative arguments. Sylvia Liss was Central's Debating Manager. Through her efforts we managed to keep an even score all through the season, though nothing outstanding occurred. Sylvia had a hard time. The team was composed largely of Freshman who, until that year, had absolutely no debating experience whatsoever.

Then came the 1953-1954 season. The new manager was Dorrit Blech. Dorrit was, and still is a girl with determination. She started work with the team. Regular weekly meetings were instituted. Debating tryouts were long and exacting. Dorrit realized that the team lacked experience and know-how. She arranged for a member of the Yeshiva University Debating Team to attend all meetings and to coach the girls. Yeshiva sent Joseph Kaplan, a sophomore at the time.

Joe immediately instituted a vigorous training program. One week he lectured the team members on debating technique. The next week, certain appointed girls held an intra-team debate, attempting to apply the pointers that they had learned. When all of the debaters were seated Joe rose and gave a detailed critique on each speaker. Each girl came to know her individual faults and slip-ups. This process was repeated several times.

That year eight debates were held. Central won five and lost only three. By the time May arrived our reputation as a capable team was established. Because of this, we managed to make history, by being allowed to hold a debate at Yeshiva University. The debate was with U.T.A.

WHAT HAPPENED?

By NAOMI SIEGFRIED

One clear Spring morning, May 13, 1954 to be exact, most people unconcernedly went about their routine affairs unaware that what is now Yeshiva history was then a matter of current importance.

Early that clear Spring day, three intrepid members of Central's promising debating team were standing in the fourth car of the B.M.T. subway bound for Washington Heights. The three debaters, Dorrit Blech, Naomi Siegfried and Naomi Roitman, were chewing gum, comparing notes and feeling very confident. Hours later, the three were seated in a candy store enjoying ice cream sodas. What had transpired during the interval?

After reaching the majestic Yeshiva building, the girls came to the auditorium to make a few hurried last minute changes in their speeches. They were now just a bit nervous. . . . A few minutes later, after the student audience was seated, the debate was officially begun.

Suddenly it was over, and the hushed audience waited expectantly for the decision of those members of the faculty who were to judge the debate. In the next few minutes, the three Central Juniors had made Yeshiva history. This was the first time a Central team had ventured uptown to debate and had been victorious by a unanimous decision of the judges.

Thus, still later, on that same clear May day, many passengers on the downtown train had occasion to wonder what could possibly have put such a triumphant look upon the jubilant faces of three high school girls whose cheerfulness was matched only by the sunshine of the day.

There is no doubt that Joseph Kaplan's patient persistence was largely responsible for that victorious debating season. He not only taught the girls debating technique but also encouraged them constantly and brought out in each girl, the most important trait of all to a debater—self confidence.

When 1954 arrived, the team hoped that their coach would continue to work with them. Dorrit Blech was once more elected Debating Manager. The school was very satisfied with her able management of the past year. Miriam Resnikoff was appointed secretary of the team. Joe stayed on to instruct the girls. After two weeks of tryouts, six new members were added to the team.

This year, one debate has been held. The topic was, "Resolved: That Communist China should be admitted to the United Nations." Central took the negative arguments and won once more. Debaters were: Naomi Roitman, First Speaker; Phyllis Lauer, Second Speaker; Gloria Wallen, Rebuttal. Because of a late start there have been no other debates as yet. Dorrit has several debates scheduled for the near future. Plans are being made to extend our activities to debates with public high schools as well as Yeshiva high schools.

BASKETBALL
Front Row—Left to right—Ruth Hartman, Ann Billet, Harriet Zellinger, Debby Riback—Athletic Manager, Frances Gold, Florence Alter, Debby Levrant
Back Row—Left to right—Myrna Steinberg, Ruth Tager, Barbara Schwartz, Braha Marcus, Leah Trenk

Basketball has not always held its rightful status in Central. When looking back upon the history of the team, one can see marked progress in its accomplishments.

During the 1951-1952 seasons, Honey Seelenfreund was the Athletic Manager of the school. During that time, two games were played, and both were with Ramaz. Central won one game in December, and lost the other, in February.

The year passed, and Central didn't exactly feel up to bragging about herself to the world of sports. Then came a revolution. Debby Riback was elected Athletic Manager for the 1952-1953 seasons.

Debby took the team in hand, and produced an end result, which we shall not soon forget.

Five games were played during that year. On December 15, 1952, we lost to Bentley High, with the close score of 25-22. On December 22, 1952, we beat Flatbush Yeshiva, 23-5. On January 3, 1953, we won a game with Central Alumnae. The score was 36-28. January 10, 1953, was the date of a second game with Flatbush Yeshiva, which we won with a score of 36-16. Our third game with Flatbush that year was also a victory for Central. The score was 28-18.

When the 1953-1954 basketball season arrived, we realized that our team was getting up in the world. Our reputation warranted playing with well established teams of other schools.

We played ten games that year. On November 16, 1953, we won a game with Lexington School For The Deaf. The score was 33-29. On November 24, 1953, we lost to Flatbush Yeshiva with a score of 31-26. Central played Brooklyn Friends High School, December 9, 1953, and lost, 32-24. Our next game was with Flatbush once more. This time we won, 19-12. We lost to Ramaz, on January 17, 1954, with a close score of 25-24. On January 22, 1954, we played against Dalton. They won, 88-26. Bentley High School was our next opponent, on March 1, 1954. The outcome of this game was a tie, 22-22. We tried Flatbush next, and beat them once again, with a score of 40-29. This was on March 2, 1954. Our team played on March 3rd, also, against Midwood High. This time we lost, 26-21. On March 16th, 1954, we played Flatbush Yeshiva and won 31-26.

Our confidence in Debby Riback was evidenced by her election to the post of Athletic Manager for the 3rd consecutive year.

The team has played 8 games this year, 1954-1955. On November 29, 1954, we lost to City College. The score was 11-4. Of course, we would have liked to win this one, but the very fact that a college team was willing to compete with us was a victory in itself.

CENTRAL CHEERING SQUAD
Left to right—Elizabeth Katz, Harriet Gniwisch, Edith Weiss, Marilyn Lind, Geri Strulowitz

TWIRLING

Elizabeth Katz—Leader
Front Row—Left to right—Harriet Wagh, Florence Alter, Ruth Hartman, Ruth Tager, Joyce Cohen, Esther Cohen, Shulamith Rosenbaum
Back Row—Left to right—Joan Weishaut, Barbara Feldman, Leah Trenk, Judy Gold

The following is a list of games played in the 1955 season and their results.

We played Elizabeth Irwin High School again on January 11, 1955. The score with 52-47, in their favor.

Central vs. Flatbush Yeshiva, January 13, 1955, score: 27-26 in favor of Flatbush Yeshiva.

Central vs. Bently, January 26, 1955, score: 51-25, favor of Central.

Central vs. Brooklyn Friends, January 31, 1955, score: 61-41, favor of Brooklyn Friends.

Central vs. Flatbush Yeshiva, February 10, 1955, score: 15-6, favor of Central.

Central vs. Ramaz, February 12, 1955, score: 43-31, in favor of Central.

Team members of this year, 1954-1955, were:

Forwards
Fran Gold
Ruth Hartman
Debby Riback
Leah Trenk
Harriet Zelinger

Guards
Florence Alter
Ann Billet
Debby Levrant
Braha Marcus
Anita Schnall
Myrna Steinberg
Barbara Schwartz
Ruth Tager

TWIRLING

Each of Central's three cheering squads has seven members. Their uniforms are short black corduroy skirts, white tops, red knee socks, red chenille letter C's and red gloves

Central's Boosters also attend all games. They are costumed in grey and white, and use red chenille covered megaphones. Booster leaders wear red and white outfits with blue letters.

M.T.A. CHEERING SQUAD
Left to right—Lila Silver, Miriam Jacobson, Shulamith Rosenbaum

LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT

To Dr. Saphire we leave a map showing the way to Central.
To Dr. Lewin we leave a bloodhound sensitive to T.A. boys.
To Rabbi Friedman we leave 75 *cooperative* seniors.
To Rozzie we leave a good secretarial job.
To Jimmy we leave R-A-G-G-M-O-P-P. . . . Da, dy, a, da, da.
To Mr. Kallner we leave the girl of his dreams: A perfect lady who can recite Borey Nefoshes.
To Mr. Lilker we leave some good books to read in bed.
To Mr. Bassell we leave a hatbox for Marilyn.
To Rabbi Perlman we leave a photographer's model.
To Mr. Horn we leave sunlight.
To Mr. Ravetch we leave a 'pilgrimage' to Stratford on Avon.
To Mr. Schur we leave students who mean what they say, and say what they mean.
To Mr. Annenberg we leave a new line, and we don't mean of test tubes.
To Dr. Jofen we leave a class of innocent young things.
To Dr. Linick we leave a new list of pitgamim.
To Mr. Steif we leave more minutes to the hour.
To Mr. Guss we leave a marriage license and not a menu.
To Mrs. Jaffe we leave time for relaxation.
To Mrs. Lieff we leave a new leaf.
To Mr. Epstein we leave a 34 inch ruler.
To Mrs. Feuer we leave an old fashioned girl.
To Rabbi Bernstein we leave a mimeographed book of "Prophets."
To Dr. Lichtenstein we leave our appreciation.
To Rabbi Adler we leave a "mussardik" television set.
To Mr. Grossman we leave a new system of weights and measures.
To Mr. Godin we leave a prominent place on the "Best Dressed Teachers" list.
To Mr. Weinstein we leave an ideal class.
To Mrs. Tessel we leave 2 or 3 dozen well sharpened pencils.
To Hadassah Lichenstein we leave the title "The Sweetheart of Central High".
To Yona Loriner we leave a 48 hour day.
To Mr. Alper we leave a helper.
To Mr. Appell we leave a pear.
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A lonely sigh.
We leave now, new horizons to seek,
A new world beckons to our call.
We stop to think, do we want to leave? . . .
Not at all.
We turn our heads to gaze at the walls,
An aching heart, a tear in our eye.
We will return, though not to learn;
Goodbye.
A wistful smile, a grateful heart,
A thank-you note with emotions signed.
To Central, all these things
We leave behind.

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